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Advisory Action <i>After the Filing of an Appeal Brief</i>	Application No. 09/492,398 Examiner Sam Rimell	Applicant(s) MOONEY, AL J. Art Unit 2164
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The reply filed 19 May 2005 is acknowledged.

1. The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

- a. The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).
- b. The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).

2. The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further consideration of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

3. The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

4. Other: The reply of May 19, 2005 includes separate submission of exhibits 1 and 2 that were submitted with the appeal brief of July 14, 2004 and denied entry. As stated in the examiner's notification of April 18, 2005 and repeated herein, these exhibits cannot be entered or considered because they were not filed prior to the submission of the original appeal brief. Additionally, they were not approved for entry after the final rejection and prior to submission of the appeal brief.

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